

For this short answer question, locate a recent example of the concept of **PRIVILEGE**. The example could be a recent news article, an advertisement, a clip from a popular television show or film, or a photograph of something you encounter in your physical environment. Your chosen artifact must provide a clear example of the concept of **PRIVILEGE**. Include a link or embedded image file in your response.

Question #1:

Exploding the Phone: The Untold Story of the Teenagers and Outlaws Who Hacked Ma Bell

<https://www.wired.com/2013/02/exploding-the-phone/>

Privilege is often defined as advantages for members of a dominant group that is hailed from the oppression of a marginalized group. Privilege is not often fully realized, acknowledged, or wanted. This particular WIRED article is an excerpt from the book 'Exploding the Phone: The Untold Story of the Teenagers and Outlaws Who Hacked Ma Bell' about the phone phreaking movement of the late 1950s to the early 1970s. Phone phreaking was the practice of manipulating the frequencies of telephones to make free and unauthorized local or international calls, often being cited as responsible for the hacking movements of the 90s. People such as Steve Jobs and Scott Wozniack were notable Phreakers at the height of the movement. Phone Phreaking is a perfect demonstration of many forms of privilege. The biggest event that comes to mind when thinking about the time period of the phreaking movement is the height of the civil rights movement, with the civil rights act only being passed in 1964. The phreakers you'd often read about occupy the biggest example of racial and class privilege, with gender, and heterosexuality also being factors. The community of Phreaking was a space dominated by smart white college-aged men who went or went on to go to ivy league schools. The section in 'Women: Images & Realities: A Multicultural Anthology' titled 'Gender Inequity in School' touches on this idea in the modern day, so one could imagine how much worse it would be during major events like the fight for civil rights and the beginning of the second wave of feminism. The text expresses how poor students and by proxy students of color are more likely to drop out and less likely to go onto higher education. These phreakers are the prime examples of what is mentioned in 'Conceptualizing Structure of Power', they occupy the highest point of status in a social institution by being enrolled in schools like Harvard, but also preconceptual knowledge and resources, allowing them to understand the inner workings of how frequencies and telephones work. Whether it be due to class or racial access, these individuals represent a high form of privilege.

For this short answer question, locate a recent example of the concept of **OPPRESSION**. The example could be a recent news article, an advertisement, a clip from a popular television show or film, or a photograph of something you encounter in your physical environment. Your chosen artifact must provide a clear example of the concept of **OPPRESSION**. Include a link or embedded image file in your response.

Question #2:

According to chapter 3 of 'Threshold Concepts in Women's & Gender Studies' the concept of oppression is defined as "prejudice and discrimination directed toward a group and perpetuated by the ideologies and practices of multiple social institutions." The system of oppression is often perpetuated and ignored by the groups that fall into some type of majority or hold high positions of power. This particular example is drawn from the best selling manga series 'One Piece' by Eiichiro Oda. One Piece is a story centered around a pirate crew traveling around the world, from island to island while liberating nations under the authoritative dictatorship of the World Government, and its law enforcement agents, the Marines. There are many groups of people who are treated unjustly in this world such as the 'Fishman' who are most known and are only respected for the service work they provide for humans in modern day, and were forced into slavery by the world government, only to later be freed, still be feared, and looked down upon by people. As well as the people of the island of Ohara, whose island was destroyed by the Marines due to the archaeologists of the village researching information unknown to the public, that the World Government wanted covered up. As a result of this the only known survivor of Ohara is a member of the main cast, Nico Robin. She has been discriminated against by the greater population due to the propaganda of the World Government about the danger of the people of Ohara. Robin's existence being viewed as a crime due to her being deemed as dangerous for the knowledge she holds. These two types of people and sentiments can mirror the direct injustices and oppression that have happened in history and are happening in the current day.

Often an argument associated with majority groups when it comes to the topic of oppression is the concept of "if I don't see it, it doesn't exist." This panel directly reflects this ideology from the group facing oppression, with the quote being "You people only see the world through such devices...that's why you can do such heinous things". This quote demonstrates the disconnect of the oppressed and the oppressor, the lack of empathy and being completely removed from an issue causes harmful decisions to be made by those in power. The World Government is a prime example of what is mentioned in a 'Conceptualizing Structures of Power', they represent a corrupt social institution who exhibit behavior of classism and racism. One Piece's ties to oppression also discusses the ideas of ideology brought up as well in chapter 3 of 'Threshold Concepts in Women's & Gender Studies'. There are Marines demonstrated in the series whose main goal when joining was to install a sense of justice and world peace but the system they work for attempts to achieve that through oppressive means. The series and these images do not present a one note way of tackling ideologies, oppression, and one's own idea of justice.



For this short answer question, choose ONE of the following topics and provide an analysis of the topic using the lens of **INTERSECTIONALITY** in your analysis.

Question #3:

Health insurance is defined as an agreement in which an insurance company consents to help fund some or all of an individual's medical payments in exchange for a monthly charge. Topics such as health insurance and health care are perfect examples to bring in conversations of intersectionality.

Intersectionality is an academic concept that considers the intersection of social categories that make up one's identity and the privilege or oppression they may face because of that. Examples being intersections in gender, race, class, age, sexual orientation, or physical ability. This ties back into the health insurance and care systems due to the treatment of the patients being handled. For instance, a black working class man, and a white middle class woman may have different variations of physical health statistically.

However, a woman may require things like birth control. On the other side of that they could possibly be in the same position of sickness, both having some sort of burdening disease but treatment might be more easily available and given less thought as whether to take that step for a treatment due to aspects like income, even having health insurance or medical racism. However, there can be intersection in terms of how women's experience is in health care. Statistics have shown that Women of color and women with low income are more than likely uninsured, demonstrating the tie between not just women of color but also the low income class of women of all races. On top of that the loose ties made between sex and gender in 'Threshold Concepts in Women's and Gender Studies' chapter 2 can also apply to that of transwomen and trans people as a whole. The denial of hormones being covered by insurance is extremely similar to when birth control wasn't covered by insurance before 2010. This denial of a basic right to trans individuals is put up as a textbook example of oppression in chapter 3 of the same 'Threshold Concepts in Women's & Gender Studies' book. The denying of hormones and transphobic rhetoric heavily being spewed towards trans women is closely tied to the idea of "true womanhood" that had been more prominently discussed during the 19th centuries feminist movements, with black and working class women being denied being looked at as women themselves.

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